

since the Deluge, is calmly tucked away in the heart of the London morning papers, while page one, as per wont, is devoted to the necessities of sundry anonymous ladies and gentlemen in quest of loans, lodgers, and lovers, the latest additions to Madame Tussaud's Exhibition, 'intelligence of steamships, and undertakers' advertisements—Magnificent!"

He goes on to say that one reads the temper of the people in the attitude of the Press, and asks what may humanity not expect from a land capable of such calm and poise in the most dread hour of its history. Let foemen beware of a nation whose women do not wail, and whose men do not cheer at the call to arms.

The Semitic, and therefore emotional Xerxes, failed to comprehend the significance of Sparta's deliberate primping at the approach of his swarms. The Lacedaemonian was never so formidable as when perfumed and anointed to face his gods in befitting elegance, and beneath all this seeming disregard of potentialities, which deceives more than one alien observer, I sense a Spartan resignation on the part of London. What may appeal to many as an underestimation of the struggle upon which Britain has entered is rather the sober and far-sighted intent of the community to support King and country, as and when needed, with a patriotism too deep for surface display.

"I stood in the throng before Buckingham Palace when the King's Proclamation was read to the people. I moved from point to point in the crowd, listened, watched. Only a witness of the scene could understand the British heart that night. There were mothers and wives, and daughters, and sisters in the press to whom the portentous words were sentences of desolation. Not a tear paled the cheek of a child or a greyhead. Instantly there were born a thousand new soldiers, who there received summons to the most desperate conflict upon which the Empire would ever embark. Their vision reft the veils of the horizon, and disclosed the ominous German millions, and there was at least one gun in those silent ranks for each of their hearts. And they must have remembered the women whom they were to marry, and their minds must have caressed the wives they would leave behind, and they must have thought of the protection. But what they spoke